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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

Marc ALIZON et al.

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Serial No.: 08/384,248

Group Art Unit: 1813

Filed: February 6, 1995

Examiner: J. PARKIN

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING  
ANTIBODIES TO ANTIGENS OF  
HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY  
VIRUS TYPE 1 (HIV 1)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FINAL REJECTION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a)**

In response to the Final Office Action of August 20, 1996 (Paper No. 34) and the Advisory Action mailed January 13, 1997 (Paper No. 21), and pursuant to the transitional provision under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a), applicants respectfully request that the finality of the Office Action dated August 20, 1996 be withdrawn and that the Amendment After Final Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.129 filed concurrently herewith be entered by the Examiner. The period for response has been extended by filing a Notice of Appeal and Petition for Extension of Time on January 21, 1997. Moreover, the required fee, set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(r), is enclosed.

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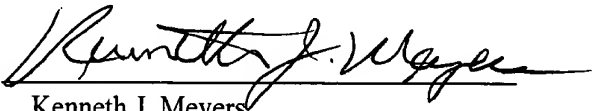
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Applicants submit that entry of the Response will place the pending claims in condition for allowance. Applicants request the entry, reconsideration, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested, and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 21, 1997